

ADVISORY OPINION 94 - 60

November 10, 1994

RE: May state employee serve on Board of the Commission on Women?

DECISION: Yes

This opinion is in response to your October 18, 1994, request for an advisory opinion from the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (the "Commission"). This matter was reviewed at the November 10, 1994, meeting of the Commission, and the following opinion is issued.

You state the relevant facts as follows. You have been nominated by the Governor to serve on the Board of the Commission on Women. You are employed by the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance in an administrative/legal capacity. The General Counsel in the Department of Personnel indicated to you that he sees no apparent conflict in serving in both capacities. However, you would like an opinion on the matter from the Commission.

The Commission believes that a state employee of an agency other than the Commission on Women may serve on the Board of the Commission on Women as long as such service does not interfere or conflict with the employee's state employment duties. From the information provided, we see no conflict at this time.

As an employee of the Registry of Election Finance, you may accept appointment to and serve on the Board of the Commission on Women. Any time during your normal work hours spent on Commission on Women business must be charged to annual or compensatory leave. The Commission cautions you to resign your position with the Commission on Women if any unforeseen matters arise in the future between the Registry of Election Finance and the Commission on Women which may present a conflict for you.